Borden Company House, Borden Mines AL-V-A-130 New Hope Road, Frostburg circa 1850

This double house is an example of company owned housing which mining companies provided their employees. It is located in the Borden Mining Company's village of Borden Mines. This company arrived in Allegany County during the mid-1840's and constructed houses for miners before the mines were opened in 1850. There were advantages as well as disadvantages for miners occupying company housing; during "slack times" they were less likely to be laid off, but during strikes the possibility of hardship or eviction was great.

The frame building rests on a substantial stone foundation. The two halves are of four rooms each with a common front porch but separate back porches. Wide six over six light sash windows and transomed entrances are original.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Borden Company House is located north of New Hope Road near Frostburg.

This building consists of a two and one-half story, four bays wide rectangular frame structure with german siding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random ashlar with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, and frieze. Wall features include cornerboards and louvered ventilators. One brick chimney is located in the center of the building.

Two main entrances in the center of the northeastern facade have one and two light transoms and replaced doors of nine lights and five panels. Windows are pegged two over two and six over six lights with wooden lugsills. Eight light casement windows are located in the peaks of the gable ends. Two porches on the southwest have shed roofs. A shed roofed porch with wooden posts is on the northeast

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This double house is an example of company owned housing which was rented to George's Creek coal miners. It is located on New Hope Road in the Borden Mining Company's mining village of Borden Mines a mile north of Frostburg.

The Borden Mining Company, which also operated a deep shaft mine in the village of Borden Shaft, built housing for employees before the company's mines were opened in the early 1850's. (1) Katherine Harvey describes this company housing in The Best Dressed Miners:

The double house was typical of this region. These two family dwellings known as "blocks" were usually of frame construction, two stories high, providing three or four rooms and sometimes a shed kitchen for each occupant. (2)

Although most miners would have prefered owning their own homes there were advantages as well as disadvantages to renting company housing:

Families which occupied company housing were particularly vulnerable in times of strikes; on the other hand, the man who rented a company house might be the one retained in slack times. In 1875, when the Borden Company discharged ninety men, they were "those who do not occupy or board in the Company's houses." (3)

In 1865 the house was sold by the Borden Mining Company to the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company which probably continued to rent it to miners. (4) In 1928 it was sold to two individuals but now is occupied by a single family. (5)

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1835-1910 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA .53 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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The frame building rests on a substantial stone foundation. The two halves are of four rooms each with separate shed roofed rear porches. Wide six over six light sash windows and transomed entrances are original. The building is basically unaltered and represents a way of life and an economic system which has mostly disappeared.

John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) p.1444 Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), p.83

Ibid,p89

(3) (4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 22, Folio 123

<u>Ibid</u>, Liber 158, Folio 604 and Liber 194, Folio 652

TITLE SEARCH

Borden Company House, Borden Mines AL-V-A-130

Allegany County Deed; Liber 207, Folio 655

Grantee: George R. Lashbaugh and Mildred I. Lashbaugh Date: March 23, 1946

Grantor: Frank J. Lashbaugh and Minnie M. Lashbaugh

Allegany County Deed; Liber 194, Folio 652

Grantee: Frank J. Lashbaugh and Minnie M. Lashbaugh Date: October 17,1942

Grantor: Edward J. Ryan, trustee
Notes: Along New Hope Road between the main tracks of the

switch back leading to Frostburg at Borden Road

Allegany County Deed: Liber 194, Folio 651

Grantee: Edward J. Ryan, trustee

Grantor: Frank J. Lashbaugh, et ux, et al

Grantors include heirs of George Mayer Notes:

Allegany County Deed: Liber 158, Folio 604

Grantee: Frank J. Lashbaugh and George Mayer Date: February 14, 1928

Date: October 17, 1942

Grantor: The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Rialroad Company Consideration: \$550.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 22, Folio 123

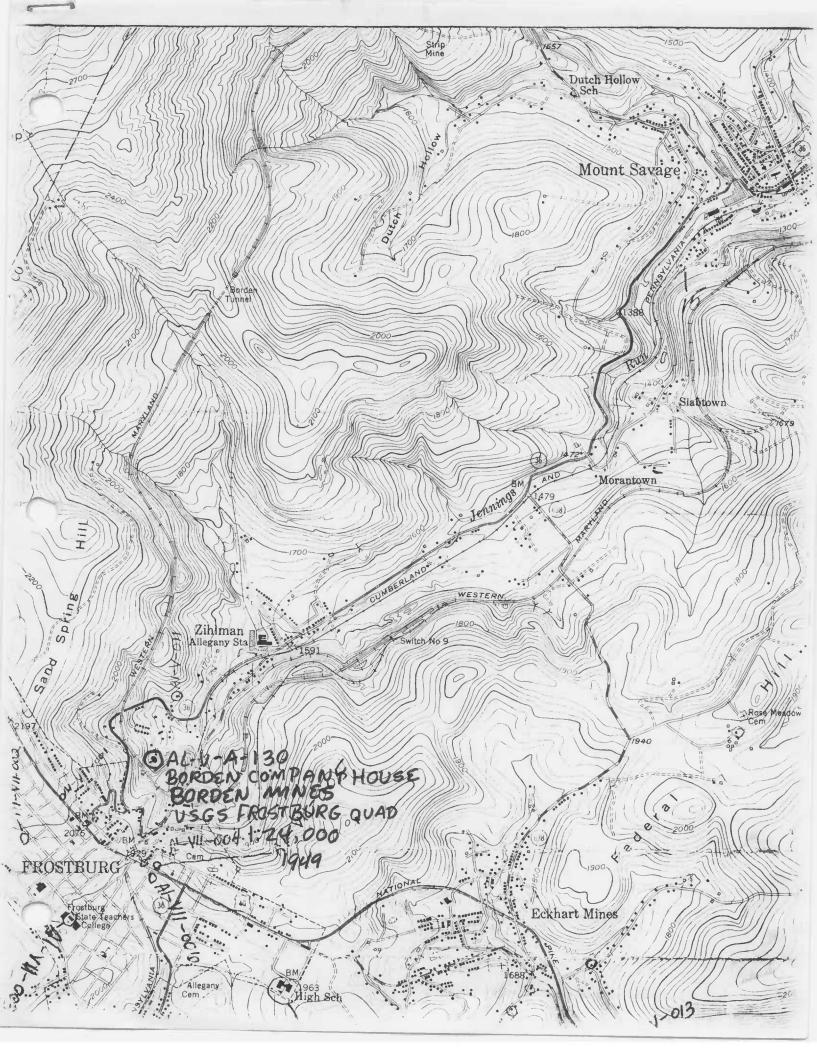
Grantee; The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company Date; June 30, 1864

Grantor: The Borden Mining Company

Notes: 10 acres Consideration: \$1,000.00

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ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit bed) original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave
ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()
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ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular
COMMENTS:
USE: SIGNIFICANCE:
DATE CONSTRUCTED:

FLOOR PLAN:
() CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep () IRREGULAR
STAIRWAYS:
 () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landing () DOG-LEG () DOG-LEG with WINDERS () SPIRAL () ROUNDED () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS
WALL FINISH:
() PLASTER() PANELED: original; replaced() BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot
FIREPLACES:
NUMBER LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonary, marble
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